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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Repair of ROBs/RUBs
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) it is true that a large number of Railway Over Bridges(ROBs) and Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) are old and needs extensive repairs/replacement;
(b) if so, please state total number of such bridges and their year of construction ;
(c) is Ministry of Railways is planning to replace them and within which timeframe; and
(d) if so, please state yearly programme and total budget earmarked for the coming three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): On Indian Railways, there are 6245 Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) of different years of construction. There is a well established system of annual inspection of these ROBs/RUBs on Indian Railways. Based on these inspections, required repair/replacement works are planned and executed accordingly. 32 such ROBs/RUBs, constructed between the years 1868 to 1962, have been planned for extensive repair/replacement.

(c) & (d): Funds for construction of Road Over Bridge (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs)/Subway, elimination of level crossings and other safety works related to level crossings come from Central Road Funds(CRF) as a percentage of cess collected on Petrol and Diesel by Ministry of Finance. Due to limited availability of funds and huge throwforward of already sanctioned works, (? 31,700 crores), it is not possible to fix the target. Budget allocation of works is done every year in Railways Budget depending upon overall availability of funds.

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